**Import of Coal by SAIL**

*271. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector steel plants prefer foreign variety of coking coal resulting in large-scale imports of coking coal by the Steel Authority of India (SAIL);

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the rejection of the indigenous coking coal against the imported coking coal; and

(c) what percentage of the requirement (with value in foreign exchange) of coking coal has been imported by the SAIL since the beginning of 1986 (till date and how does the cost of the imported coking coal compare with the indigenous product?

THE MINISTER OF STTEL AND MINES (SHRI K C PANT): (a) and (b) All indigenous coking coal which meets the minimum quality requirement and specifications for use in the steel plants is accepted by SAIL. SAIL imports low ash matellurgical coking coal primarily to cover the shortfall between their requirements and availability from domestic sources. The import plan of SAIL is finalised in consultation with the Department of Coal.

(c) From January to September, 1986, SAIL has imported approximately 1.71 million tonnes of coking coal at an approximate C&F value of Rs. 136.5 crores.

During this period, the total consumption of coking coal of SAIL Steel Plants was around 8.85 million tonnes. Thus the imports of coking coal during this period constituted about 19.3 per cent of the total coking coal consumption of SAIL Steel Plants.

The average landed prices at the various SAIL steel plants of indigenous coking coal and the prime imported coal during the financial year 1985-86 are given below:

(Rupees pe. tonne)

| Plant | Indigenous | Imported |
|---|---|---|
| Bhilai Steel Plant | 728 | 1044 |
| Durgapur Steel Plant | 448 | 1123 |
| Rourkela Steel Plant | 615 | 1131 |
| Bokaro Steel plant | 590 | 1054 |

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**Night Shelter in Delhi**

*273. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of night shelters in Delhi together with their locations;

(b) how many night shelters have been constructed during 1984, 1985 and upto 31st October, 1986;

(c) how many persons can be accommodated in each night shelter;

(d) what are the conditions for giving accommodation in night shelters;

(e) what facilities have been provided in these night shelters; and

(f) whether there is a proposal to construct more night shelters in the capital and if so, what are the details in this regard?